

# Near Miss

On May 31, 2007, a mechanic sustained serious injuries when an endloader loading a coal truck on the surface of an underground mine collided with a 3-wheeled personnel carrier. The mechanic operating the personnel carrier was attempting to enter the mine portal. The endloader operator's visibility was obscured by a coal truck and the machines' bucket. As the mechanic continued toward the portal, the endloader operator reversed and moved forward striking the personnel carrier.



## BEST PRACTICES

- ✧ Implement traffic control plans designed to eliminate hazards.
- ✧ Exercise caution when approaching equipment especially in congested areas.
- ✧ Signal your presence and wait for conformation before entering an area with equipment in operation.
- ✧ Always look in the direction of movement.
- ✧ Ensure all persons are in the clear before starting or moving mobile equipment.

